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EXPANSION OF RURAL ENERGY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the rural energy scheme;

(b) if so, the target fixed for expansion of this scheme in Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan ; and

(c) the amount required to be spent in this regard and the number of persons likely to be benefited in Madhya Pradesh through this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Out of 71526 inhabited villages in the undivided State of MadhyaPradesh as per 1991 census, 68346 villages have already been electrified as at the end of September, 2000. State-wise and year-wise financial outlays and physical programmes have not been finalised by the Planning Commission forthe Ninth Plan Period.However, an allocation of Rs. 5.49 crores has been made for Madhya Pradesh (including the areas now included in the new Stateof Chhattisgarh) under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) being released directly to the State as part of Normal Central Assistance during the currentyear. Similarly, the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has allocated an amount of Rs. 25 crores for rural electrification programme for the year 2000- 2001.